

are content to be ignored as citizens—while their sisters in Vancouver and New Westminsters are permitted to play their part. Although the Municipal Commission has been approached on this matter, the request of the women of Victoria has again received no recognition.

This annual municipal contest with its usual storm of opposing recriminations and approbations also makes us wonder if it is not possible to reduce Civic Government to a science, in which school all prospective candidates for mayoralty or aldermanic honors must take their degree before aspiring to election, thus guaranteeing us a modicum of efficiency in our civic servants.

In regard to the coming session of our Legislative Assembly we shall probably find out in what estimation the women of B. C. are held by our Provincial Government. In this connection it is perhaps a fair question to ask "What do the Women of B. C. think of themselves?" Are we content to be voteless citizens and political nonentities or are we that live other half of the people asking for recognition and representation in the government of our country.

The Annual Banquet of the Henry George Association was held in the Ritz Hotel on Wednesday the 8th instant. There was an excellent gathering, nearly seventy people being present, to do honor to the man who promulgated the principle of Single Tax, and to listen to reports of progress made, and work yet to be done. In introducing the speakers, Mr. Belbeck dwelt on the great development of the idea in British Columbia during the last year, and expressed the hope that next year would find them still farther advanced.

Ex-Mayor Taylor, of Vancouver, another speaker of the evening, held

out the hope that the time would come when all the revenue of the Province would be derived from direct taxation on natural resources, and that every man and woman who wanted to get on the land would have an opportunity to do so. He urged the Government to assist settlers to get on the land, and to assist them in procuring necessary implements. He thought that the Government would be forced to take over the operation of natural resources, such as coal mines, and in that way to reduce the cost of living.

Miss O'Meara, of Seattle, spoke on "The Exile's Return," and spoke of the way, since early Greek and Roman days that man has been exiled from his own land. "If the land problem was solved," said Miss O'Meara, all the other problems would be solved."

Mr. C. H. Lugrin, Reeve of Esquimalt, spoke on the subject of "The Land, and the People," and laid special stress on the work done in Victoria and Esquimalt Districts. "We have organized a new municipality in Esquimalt," said Mr. Lugrin, "and I can tell you we are not going to tax improvements, and I don't think our successors, if we are to have them, will dare to tax improvements.

The great problem is to keep this country as one where every man can have his own home on his own land and call no man his master."

Mr. Lee Cow entertained the gathering with two songs, excellently rendered.

ARE YOU GOING TO HELP.

Those interested in the present struggle for the enfranchisement of women, have to face the fact that the majority of people are content to take a very superficial view in their estimate of any movement for moral, political or social reform, they fail to study the undercurrents, they see an